

Khost Province, Afghanistan, Sergeant Baumann spotted an improvised explosive device from his Humvee. As his fiancé explained, "They were going downhill and he saw the land mine and he was telling them to stop, and you can't stop a Humvee going downhill, and he told them to veer to the left, which made him take the brunt of the explosion. He wouldn't have had it any other way." Sgt. Baumann died of his injuries; every other serviceman in the Humvee survived.

In the wake of his death, we honor his commitment to our country, his tremendous sacrifice, and his devotion to his comrades-in-arms. As they mourn their great loss, our thoughts are with his family: his father Robert; his mother Cindy; his stepfather Gary Lohman; his sister Christina; and his fiancé, Lauren Smith. I pledge to them all the support a grateful nation can give.

HONORING THE 95TH BIRTHDAY OF ROBERT SIDNEY CLOTFELTER

HON. PHIL GINGREY

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 11, 2008

Mr. GINGREY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Robert Sidney Clotfelter, who is celebrating his 95th birthday this week. Sidney Clotfelter is a life-long Georgian who has spent the majority of his 95 years enriching lives of citizens in the heart of my district—Marietta, Georgia. Born in Fulton County, Georgia on September 14, 1913, Sidney was one of five children to Charles Thomas and Era Northcutt Clotfelter.

Growing up in Marietta during the Great Depression, Sidney sold vegetables from the back of a Model T Ford to help make ends meet for his family.

Sidney attended Marietta High School and graduated in 1932, where he was voted Best All-Around Senior. After high school, he attended a local business college, and then studied two years at Georgia Tech. During World War II, he served his country as an officer in the Army with the Corps of Engineers.

Sidney has been an active member of the First Presbyterian Church since 1928, where he has served as Deacon and has been on the Property Committee for twenty years.

He has owned and operated a number of businesses, including a contracting company for commercial and industrial construction. He built schools, churches and various commercial buildings around Marietta, and did construction work for Southern Bell and AT&T in every state in the Southeast. For several years he worked for Lockheed Martin in maintenance and construction.

In 1992, he was honored with the Marietta High School Distinguished Alumni Award. Sidney Clotfelter has been a member of the Marietta Rotary Club since 1946 and served as the Club's president from 1962 to 1963.

Sidney Clotfelter has contributed much to the communities of Marietta, Cobb County, and the entire state of Georgia during his 95 years. His donations of time, work and money to a wide variety of organizations and causes have been substantial, continual and selfless—often giving anonymously. He is a dedicated family man who is blessed to have all four of his children living near him on the

property where he was raised. Sidney has spent thirty-two wonderful years married to Barbara Porter Clotfelter and, along with his four children, has eight grandchildren and eleven great-grandchildren.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in wishing Robert Sidney Clotfelter a happy and healthy 95th birthday and thanking him for a lifetime of service to his community.

RECOGNIZING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF MARIAN HIGH SCHOOL

HON. JOE KNOLLENBERG

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 11, 2008

Mr. KNOLLENBERG. Madam Speaker, I want to recognize Marian High School in Bloomfield Hills, MI as they celebrate their 50th anniversary on September 14, 2008. The school continues to be a beacon of academic excellence that nurtures future generations of leaders.

Marian High School is a Catholic, college preparatory high school for young women founded by the Sisters, Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary in 1959. The congregation continues to sponsor the school and is still an active part of the administration. The school's mission is to ensure, within a Christian environment, an excellent education built on a strong academic curriculum, which will enable young women to value human diversity and live responsible lives of leadership and action based on gospel values.

Marian's philosophy of melding Christian values with scholastic achievement has proven to be one of success. This is exemplified by the fact that Marian students have consistently performed above the state and national averages on the SAT and ACT. In addition, Marian offers 20 honor level courses and 12 advanced placement courses, which allow students to earn college credits. The faculty has also shown a commitment to improving the quality of the education students are receiving with over 60 percent of them holding an advanced degree.

Madam Speaker, Marian High School continues to be one of the finest educational institutions in Michigan. I wish to congratulate the administration, faculty, students, and alumni on their 50th Anniversary and hope for many years of prosperity.

25TH ANNIVERSARY OF TRI-COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH AND MENTAL RETARDATION

HON. KEVIN BRADY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 11, 2008

Mr. BRADY of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 25th anniversary of the Tri-County Mental Health and Mental Retardation being designated as the MHMR center for Montgomery, Liberty and Walker counties in southeast Texas. I ask my colleagues and those visitors in the House Chamber to join me in congratulating Tri-County MHMR and applauding the work they've done over the past quarter century.

Twenty-six years ago, a small group of community leaders joined together to make the dream of local MHMR services a reality—the dream they shared became a reality on September 1, 1983. What initially was only an outpatient service center grew to have a budget of \$1.5 million and 46 employees by the end of the first year. Tri-County MHMR grew from these humble beginnings into a \$22 million system that serves nearly 7,000 people and has more than 350 employees.

It is only through the dedication of the founders, the continued work of the employees, and the support of the community that Tri-County MHMR has seen such tremendous success and been able to make such a positive impact on the community.

If you name the service chances are Tri-County MHMR offers it; from outpatient psychiatric services, nursing and counseling to supported employment, habilitation and vocational training for both adults and children. The impact they've had has been felt locally and with the help of Federal grants, they continue to offer new services and provide better care. Only last year, they received over \$1.3 million to build additional supported apartment housing in Montgomery County. Tri-County MHMR continues to grow and identify new areas where they can contribute and, with the help of the State of Texas, the Montgomery County Hospital District, and the Montgomery County United Way, Tri-County MHMR will open a much needed Crisis Stabilization Unit in 2009.

It is an honor to recognize such an impressive group of individuals and such a noble organization. I hope all Americans can learn from the example Tri-County MHMR continues to make and step forward to fill a need in their local community, help other people, and in a small way help make life better for someone else.

TRIBUTE TO DR. ICHII TASAKI

HON. CHRIS VAN HOLLEN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 11, 2008

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the outstanding achievements of my constituent Dr. Ichiji Tasaki. Dr. Tasaki has worked at the National Institutes of Health for 54 years, since November 1953, and has made invaluable contributions to the scientific community.

Dr. Tasaki was born in Japan in 1910 and attended medical school at Keio University Medical School. Upon earning his medical degree, Dr. Tasaki began a career in research. After completing a Rockefeller Fellowship in Switzerland and England, Dr. Tasaki immigrated to the United States in 1951, where he began work at the Central Institute for the Deaf in St. Louis, Missouri, helping to develop the field of audiology, which serves as a foundation for diagnosing and treating numerous hearing disorders.

Dr. Tasaki began his career at the National Institutes of Health as a Section Chief in the National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Blindness. He went on to become a Laboratory Chief and later a Senior Research Scientist at the National Institute of Mental Health, where he remained for twenty-two years. Most recently, Dr. Tasaki was associated with the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development.